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1. CHINA

PRC CONTINUING HAIL TENG HSIAO-PING'S POL REHABILITATION BY
MOBILIZING MILLIONS/STAGING NOISY STREET PARADES IN MAJOR
CITIES. TENG'S PHOTO PUBLISHED ON "PD" FRONT PAGE, HIS
NAME PAINTED IN THOUSANDS OF WALL POSTERS (WP 7/24). NCNA
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PHOTO OF TENG/HUA/YEH CONDUCTING CCP CENTRAL CMTE SESSION
CARRIED BY 7/23 WP (AP)/NYT (UPI).

UPI (HK) REPORTS RELICS DATING BACK MORE THAN 2,700 YEARS
ARE BEING CITED BY PEKING AS EVIDENCE SUPPORTING PRC CLAIM
TO DISPUTED TERRITORY ALONG SINO-SOVIET BORDER (NYT).

IN 7/24 "PARADE," PAUL RAFFAELE (PEKING) REPORTS THAT
THROUGHOUT PRC THOUSANDS OF SPORTS SCHOOLS ARE CREATING
MILLIONS OF HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED ATHLETES EVERY YEAR;

COUNTRY DETERMINED BECOME WORLD'S GREATEST SPORTS POWER(WP).

THEIR REQUEST FOR 8.3 MILLION DOLS IN "COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION TRAINING ACT" FUNDS REJECTED BY NYC, FRUSTRATED GROUP VIET VETS SAID 7/23 THEY HAVE DECIDED ASK 10 FOREIGN COUNTRIES--INCLUDING PRC, SOVIET, IRAN--FOR 10.5 MILLION DOLS TO SUPPORT CITY U OF NY OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (AP WSTAR 7/24).

2. JAPAN

MARYLAND PORT ADMIN NEGOTIATING W/NISSAN MOTORS IN EFFORT ATTRACT SHIPMENTS BACK TO BALTIMORE. IF DEAL CONSUMMATED, NISSAN PLANS SHIP 135,000 DATSUNS PER YR THRU PORT (HELEWICZ, SUN).

TOYOTA INCREASES 1977 PRICES CARS/TRUCKS 3.8 PCT, MARKING 3RD PRICE JUMP IN MODEL YR DUE DECLINING VALUE US DOL AGAINST YEN (WP 7/23).

ACCORDING SURVEY BY OSAKA'S SANWA BANK, SK/ROC/HK/SINGAPORE CATCHING UP/EATING INTO JAPANESE MARKETS IN US/SEA. JAPANESE TEXTILES/PLYWOOD ALREADY NONCOMPETITIVE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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US DUE ACCELERATED PRICE COMPETITION; JAPAN ALSO BEING OVERTAKEN IN HEAVY INDUSTRIES (UPI, JOC).

INTL SYMPOSIUM ON DAMAGE/AFTER-EFFECTS 1945 A-BOMB OPENED TOKYO 7/22. JAPANESE/FON EXPERTS WILL JOINTLY STUDY MEDICAL CARE/LIVING CONDITIONS JAPANESE A-BOMB VICTIMS (REUTER TOKYO 7/22).

WSJ'S THARP (TOKYO) REPORTS MANY JAPANESE BELIEVE COUNTRY NEEDS YOUNGER GOVT/BUSINESS LEADERS, CONTEND JAPAN PLAGUED W/"ROGAI"--OLD AGE POLLUTION. CITES NUMBER BUSINESSES, INCL MATSUSHITA, WHICH HAVE INSTALLED YOUNGER MEN AS PRES.

JAPAN'S POPULATION UP 1 PCT OVER LAST YR, THO TOKYO'S POPULATION DOWN BY 540 PERSONS (AF P, WP).

NYT'S MALCOLM (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S WOMEN'S LIB MOVEMENT HAS FOLDED AFTER 5 YRS. JAPAN WOMEN'S PARTY CLOSED OFFICES/ADMITTED DEFEAT AFTER GROUP RECEIVED ONLY 4-TENTHS OF 1 PCT TOTAL POPULAR VOTE IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION. BUT KANABAYSHI (WSJ) STATES FEMINISTS HAVE SCORED TRIUMPH IN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION FIGHT AGAINST JAPANESE BUSINESS. LABOR MINISTRY NOW SUPPORTS GROUP SEEKING OVERTURN RULE THRU WHICH 25 PCT ALL JAPANESE FIRMS FORCE RETIREMENT OF WOMEN EARLIER THAN MEN.

WP'S "PARADE" MAG (7/24) SAYS MITI SURVEY REVEALS 2.1 MILLION JAPANESE WOMEN HAVE SERIOUS DRINKING PROBLEMS, AND WOMEN DRINKERS, PARTICULARLY HOUSEWIVES, INCREASING IN NUMBER.

JAPANESE NOVEL ABOUT 1972 SUICIDE AUTHOR KAWABATA HAS PROMPTED LEGAL ACTION IN TOKYO IN EFFORT HALT ITS SALE. KAWABATA'S FAMILY FILED SUIT ON GROUNDS PARTS OF BOOK UNTRUE/OTHERS INFRINGE ON FAMILY'S PRIVACY (MALCOLM, UNCLASSIFIED

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NYT TOKYO).

3. JAPAN/SINGAPORE

IN SINGAPORE, MANAGING DIRECTOR JAPAN'S LONG-TERM CREDIT BANK DETAILED JAPAN'S PARTICIPATION IN GIANT PETROCHEM COMPLEX IN SINGAPORE. SAID BANK WILL CONTRIBUTE 355,000 DOLS, WHILE GOJ PLEDGED RAISE 500 MILLION (LORENZ, JOC SINGAPORE).

4. KOREA

SECDEF BROWN IN SK TO DISCUSS PARTIAL W/DRAWAL US TROOPS. SAYS THOSE REMAINING IN SK/W PAC WILL BE ABLE RESPOND PROMPTLY/DECISIVELY TO ARMED ATTACK (WP 7/24). SECDEF TELLS US TROOPS ALONG DMZ THEY MUST REMAIN ALERT IN PULL-OUT PERIOD TO DETER POSSIBLE COMMUNIST ATTACK. BROWN TO BEGIN 2 DAYS' TALKS W/PRES PARK/ROK SECDEF SUH ON PRES CARTER'S PLANNED PULLOUT (AP, NYDN).

SENIOR US OFFICERS AT BASE NEAR SEOUL TELL SECDEF THAT ROKG FORCES NOT CAPABLE TURNING BACK NK INVASION SHOULD IT OCCUR NOW. BROWN/SUH TOUR US/SK MIL POSTS (PHINQ). CORDDRY (SUN)/WEINRAUB (NYT) IN SK DESCRIBE BROWN'S INSPECTION TROOP UNITS. CORDDRY NOTES SPECULATION THAT ROKG MIGHT TRY IN NEGOTS GET PULLOUT STRETCHED OUT. WP FRONT-PAGES AP PIC SECDEF PEERING THRU DMZ RANGEFINDER.

SAAR (WP) FROM SEOUL REPORTS 17 GIS STATIONED IN SK PETITION PRES CARTER W/DRAW US SUPPORT FROM PARK OVER ALLEGED REPRESSION HUMAN RTS. PROTEST UNPRECEDENTED IN SK, SURFACES AT SENSITIVE TIME. SAAR INTERVIEWS 3; THEY SAY CATALYST IN PETITION WAS EX-MARINE WHO CAME TO SK W/AIM UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCATING/MOBILIZING ANTI-PARK SENTIMENT.

BACON (WSJ) REPORTS CARTER ADMIN PLANS HELP SK BUILD OWN WEAPONS INDUSTRY AS PART W/DRAWAL PROGRAM BY PROVIDING

TECH ASSISTANCE/PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT/MANUFACTURING LICENSES. ADDS COULD MAKE POSSIBLE FOR SK EXPORT EXCESS ARMS PRODUCTION. NOTES US WANTS SK CONCENTRATE ON DEFENSIVE WEAPONS. REVIEWS UPCOMING NEGOTS W/SK OVER PULL-OUT. SAYS IN COURSE TALKS SECDEF BROWN WILL SEEK ALLAY FEARS THAT US ABANDONING INTEREST IN DEFENSING SK.

ROKG APPROVES 2 PLANTS TO PRODUCE HYDROGEN PEROXIDE. OK FOR BOTH CAME AS SURPRISE, SINCE WILL RESULT IN OVER-CAPACITY; BUREAU ECON COOPERATION OFFICIALS CONCEDE POINT, BUT ESTIMATE WILL ONLY LAST UNTIL 1981 IN FACE INCREASING DEMAND (WSJ SPEC).

5. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

ANDELMAN (NYT 7/23), FROM BANGKOK, QUOTES FONMIN THAT RTG WILL PROTECT MOVEMENT KR TROOPS INTO THAILAND/ENSUING CLASHES. ADDS FIGHTING CONTINUES. QUOTES DIPLOMATS THAT MOST SERIOUS RESULT OF CLASHES WOULD BE STILL FURTHER WIDENING OF CAMBODIA/THAILAND RIFT.

THAI TROOPS CONTINUE SHELLING SEVERAL HUNDRED CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS HOLDING VILLAGE (WP 7/24). ABOUT 50 CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS ATTACK OUTPOST IN SURIN PROV IN NE THAILAND, KILL 4 THAI BORDER POLICE. NOT CLEAR WHETHER ATTACK RELATED TO RECENT BORDER SKIRMISHES E OF BANGKOK (WP; AP, NYT).

6. PHILIPPINES

CESAR CHAVEZ ARRIVED MANILA 7/24 AS GUEST GOP TO RECEIVE AWARD FROM MARCOS IN RECOGNITION CHAVEZ' TRADE UNION WORK. SOME 50,000 FILS IN US ARE MEMBERS UNITED FARM UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKERS UNION (REUTER, WP).

MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES STOPPED SCHEDULED 7/23 MANILA RALLY IN SUPPORT 2 FIL NURSES CONVICTED POISONING PATIENTS AT MICH V A HOSPITAL. SOME 5,000 EXPECTED ATTEND, BUT RALLY'S SPONSOR NOTIFIED 7/22 PERMIT CANCELED "BY ORDERS OF HIGHER AUTHORITY" (WIDEMAN, WP MANILA 7/24).

JOC'S LORENZ (SINGAPORE) REPORTS PHILS NOW MORE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZING FON INVESTORS/INSISTS THEY ACTUALLY ASSIST IN COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT. FOLLOWING TREND IN SEA, EVEN US BUSINESS--TO WHICH PHILS ONCE TOTALLY RECEPTIVE-- MUST OPEN BOOKS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.

PARA-MILITARY CONSTABULARY MOUNTING OPN ON MINDORO TO ESTABLISH IF MAN REPORTEDLY LIVING IN REMOTE MT AREA THERE IS ANOTHER JAPANESE LEFT BEHIND AFTER WWII

(REUTER MANILA).

7. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

FRG ECON MIN SAID IN MELBOURNE 7/22 FRG WANTS BUY AUSTRALIAN URANIUM IN ORDER DIVERSIFY ITS NUKE FUEL SOURCES.

MINISTER ARRIVED AUSTRALIA WEDNESDAY ON 4-DAY VISIT/DISCUSS W/FRASER URANIUM EXPORT (REUTER MELBOURNE 7/22).

FROM AUCKLAND, JOC'S MCLAUCHLAN REPORTS NZ MAKING ALMOST NO PROGRESS IN FIGHT AGAINST ECON PROBLEMS THAT BESET COUNTRY 3 YRS AGO. INFLATION AT RECORD LEVEL/UNEMPLOYMENT AT HIGHEST FIGURE SINCE WWII. GONZ OFFICIALS SEE ANNUAL BUDGET AS HOLDING ACTION, BUT BELIEVE EVEN THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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MAY BE INADEQUATE PUSH INFLATION DOWN FROM 14 PCT LEVEL.

CAB SAYS CARTER HAS APPROVED L.A.-AUSTRALIA-NZ ROUTE FOR CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, W/INTERMEDIATE STOPS IN HAWAII/FIJI/AMER SAMOA (REUTER 7/22).

8. GENERAL

ADB STUDY SHOWS NEARLY 1/4--300 MILLION--OF TOTAL POPULATION BANK'S 25 DEVELOPING NATION MEMBERS NOW CONCENTRATED IN CITIES. STATES 50-70 PCT OF THESE LIVE IN "ABJECT POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT" (UPI, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

WSTAR (7/24) PRINTS EXCERPT FROM CARL KOTCHIAN'S MEMOIR, "LOCKHEED SALES MISSION: 70 DAYS IN TOKYO." FORMER LOCKHEED PRES RECALLS HOW PAYOFFS DISCUSSED; SAYS HAS "NO DOUBT" 500 MIL YEN REQUESTED BY MARUBENI OFFICIAL WENT TO PM TANAKA.

10. PHILIPPINES

FRONT-PG MCARTHUR ITEM (LAT MANILA 7/22) RECALLS POPULARITY 1972 MOVEMENT IN PHILS TO LEAD IT INTO US STATEHOOD. MOVEMENT'S FORMER LEADER ANTONIO CONTENTS BASIC SENTIMENT US-PHILS "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" REMAINS UNCHANGED/STATEHOOD CAMPAIGN WOULD GROW EVEN LARGER THAN IN 1972--IF PERMITTED UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

11. CHINA

SUN'S ISAACS (HK 7/23) SAYS TENG'S RESTORATION MAKES HIM

NOMINALLY THIRD-RANKING CHINESE LEADER--BUT, IN REALITY,
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PROBABLY SECOND MOST POWERFUL FIGURE UNDER HUA. SEES TENG'S POLICIES ALREADY VINDICATED, WITH HUA/ASSOCIATES FOLLOWING COURSE TENG SET BEFORE '76 OUSTER; THUS, WHILE TENG'S REHABILITATION IS DRAMATIC EVENT, IT DOES NOT FORESHADOW ANY MAJOR SHIFTS IN PRC DOMESTIC/FOREIGN POLICIES. NOTES CENTRAL CMTE COMMUNIQUE'S ACCOUNT INDICATED PROCESS OF ARRANGING TENG'S COMEBACK HAD BEEN LONG/DRAWN-OUT AFFAIR. CITING SPECULATION THAT TENG MAY ASSUME PREMIERSHIP, ISAACS SAYS EVEN IF NOT, IT APPEARS LIKELY TENG'S ELEVATION WILL SOMEWHAT DIMINISH HUA'S STATURE.

IN HK, CSM'S MORITZ SAYS IN OPINION OF ANALYSTS THERE TENG'S POPULARITY/POL FOLLOWING CAST NEW CLOUD OF UNCERTAINTY OVER JUST HOW POWER WILL BE APPORTIONED/DECISIONS MADE. SEES POSSIBILITY HUA/TENG HAVE WORKED OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDING OVER HOW THEIR COMBINED TALENTS CAN BE BEST USED; BUT POSSIBLE ALSO THAT INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE FOR TENG IN DOMESTIC/FOREIGN POL MAY UNDERCUT HUA'S POSITION. MORITZ SEES, HANGING OVER ALL THIS, QUESTION WHETHER TENG'S CONTINUING RISE WILL LEAD TO INCREASINGLY SEVERE PURGES IN PROVINCES.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT 7/24) SEES BUREAUCRATIC LEGALISM AT WORK IN PRC, WITH COUNTRY SEEMING RUN BY GROUP WITH ALMOST CORPORATION LAWYER'S PENCHANT FOR CAREFUL ORGANIZATION/DETAIL. FINDS INITIAL RESULTS GOOD, WITH INDUSTRY BEGINNING RECOVER; SAYS MOREOVER, WESTERN VISITORS REPORT CHINESE PEOPLE MORE RELAXED/CONFIDENT THAN IN YEARS. BUT SAYS WITH BUREAUCRATS INSTALLED IN POWER, THERE ALSO ARE SIGNS THAT POWER HAS ITS PREROGATIVES; WITHOUT MAO, WONDERS WHETHER THERE WILL NOW BE ANY COUNTERWEIGHT TO CHINESE BUREAUCRACY.
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SUN (7/24) SEES TENG'S RESTORATION/CCP EXPULSION "GANG OF 4. FITTING PATTERN OF CHINESE POWER STRUGGLE, WITH INDICATIONS "STRUGGLE AGAINST THE CULT OF STRUGGLE STILL HAS SOMETHING TO STRUGGLE AGAINST."

12. KOREA

CORDDRY (SUN 7/24) NOTES SECDEF BROWN ARRIVES IN SEOUL FOR AID TALKS AS KOREAN SCANDAL IN US CONGRESS POSES RISKS TO PULLOUT PROJECT. OPINES NO WAY JUDGE W/CERTAINTY HOW ADVERSELY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS ALLEGED KOREAN INFLUENCE BUYING WOULD AFFECT AID REQUESTS GROWING OUT OF

BROWN'S NEGOTS, BUT QUOTES OFFICIAL WHO THINKS SCANDAL COULD WRECK CARTER PULLOUT PLANS. ON PULLOUT, QUOTES OFFICIAL THAT COULD CAUSE WORRIES IN EA, BUT IN LONG RUN STRENGTHENED SK SHOULD BE ABLE PERSUADE NK COME TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

WEINRAUB (NYT 7/24), IN SEOUL, ALSO SEES BROWN ARRIVAL COMING AMID GROWING CONCERN W/IN CARTER ADMIN THAT SCANDAL IN CONGRESS MAY UPSET PLANS FOR PULLOUT US TROOPS/TRANSFER WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT TO ROKG. BELIEVES WHAT WORRIES SOME DOD OFFICIALS IS THAT CONGRESSMEN MAY OPPOSE INCREASED SK MIL AID TO SHOW NOT BEHOLDEN TO ROKG. CSM'S OK, AT SEOUL, STATES HARDLY ANY SKOREANS WANT US TROOPS LEAVE. QUOTES ROKG SOURCE SAYING LOGICAL CONCLUSION IS THAT PRES CARTER BUYING OPTION STAYING OUT OF ANOTHER KOREAN WAR. ADDS DOD HI OFFICIAL WONDERS IF CONGRESS WILL APPROVE SK AID PACKAGE.

LAT (7/22) OPINES W/JAWORSKI APPOINTMENT, COUNTRY HAS ASSURANCE FULL STORY KOREAN CONNECTION WILL COME OUT. SAYS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE MUST DEAL W/QUESTION OF WHY ELECTED US OFFICIALS TOOK MONEY FROM AGENTS FOREIGN GOVT. WP (7/24) WONDERS IF ANYONE CAN SAVE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MAKING FIASCO OF INVESTIGATION. SEES STRUCTURAL DEFECTS BEHIND FACADE OF JAWORSKI APPOINTMENT. SAYS QUESTION REMAINS RE HOW MUCH CMTE CARES ABOUT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. LISTS QUESTIONS THAT BELIEVES, UNLESS ANSWERED, PUBLIC MAY NOT THINK HR TAKES STDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT SERIOUSLY.

REID (WP 7/24) LOOKS OVER "KOREAGATE SCANDAL," SEES IT EMERGING AS REPUBLICANS' NO 1 CAMPAIGN ISSUE. HALLORAN (NYT 7/24) NOTES FEW CONGRESSMEN TRY GET SEATS ON HOUSE ETHICS CMTE SINCE UNCOMFORTABLE TO EXAMINE COLLEAGUES. MCGRORY (WSTAR 7/24, SUN) OPINES STONEWALLING BY HOUSE SET IN AS MEMBERS TRIED PROTECT EACH OTHER. LAUDS NEW MEMBERS FOR NOT LEARNING "LOYALTY TO THE LODGE." CONCLUDES HOPE THAT KOREAN SCANDAL WOULD GO AWAY IS GONE W/WIND. WILLS (SUN 7/23) BELIEVES CRY FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS PARTISAN POLITICS, DESPITE FACT HOUSE HAS GONE ABOUT TASK IN HALF-HEARTED WAY. BABCOCK (WP 7/24) LOOKS OVER INQUIRIES BY HOUSE ETHICS CMTE/DOJ. BELIEVES FINAL FALLOUT FROM SCANDAL MAY BE MORE LIMITED THAN NOW APPEARS.

REP SAWYER (R-MICH) CHARGES JAWORSKI SERVING AS DIRECTOR HOUSTON FIRM THAT ADMITTED BRIBING FOREIGN OFFICIALS

(NYT SPEC 7/23; UPI, WP 7/23). SEN BYRD (D-WVA) SAYS ALLEGATIONS SK INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL IN CONGRESS MAY

BE "OVERBLOWN." QUESTIONS CREDIBILITY TONGSUN PARK
(AP, WP).

13. INDOCHINA

SUN OBSERVES VN WILL NOT GO AWAY HOWEVER MUCH AMERICAN
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WOULD LIKE PUT IT OUT OF MIND. SAYS NOT POPULAR TALK
ABOUT DAMAGE INFLICTED ON TERRITORY/SEEK RECONCILIATION
W/YOUNG AMERICANS WHOSE LIVES/LOYALTIES SHREDDED BY WAR.
SAYS SITUATION NOT STAGNANT, AS ADMIN SUPPORTS SRV ENTRY
INTO UN, IS READY NORMALIZE RELS/REOPEN TRADE/PERMIT
PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN RETURN FOR COOPERATION OVER MIAS.
OPINES SRV MUST KNOW BY NOW US WILL NOT APPROVE ECON AID
THRU PUBLIC AGENCIES, THO THINKS SRV HAS CLAIMS ON US.
ADDS CONGRESS SHOULD NOT TRY STOP ADMIN'S ATTEMPT LET IN
15,000 MORE REFUGEES. CONCLUDES WAR PROBLEMS NOT
PLEASANT CONTEMPLATE/EASY SOLVE.

LAT (7/22) BELIEVES US' BELATED ADMISSION SRV ENTRY INTO
UN IS MAJOR STEP IN NORMALIZING RELS, THO FULL DIPL
TIES APPEAR LONG WAY OFF DUE REMAINING PROBLEMS. SAYS
MAJOR ISSUE IS US AID; SUPPORTS HAK CONTENTION THAT
"ABSURD" FOR SRV INSIST WE HAVE OBLIGATION UNDER C-F
THEY VIOLATED. NOTES SOME US AID FILTERS THRU BOYCOTT;
THINKS SUCH AID SHOULD CONTINUE. ADDS SRV HUMAN RTS
VIOLATIONS CAN BEST BE CONFRONTED THRU UN.

14. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

NYT NOTES DEMISE SEATO. SAYS REDUCED US INVOLVEMENT IN
AREA IS SOURCE ANXIETY TO ASEAN NATIONS. REVIEWS SRV
ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN, PLUS AID TO THAI GUERRILLAS.
OPINES US SHOULD TRY CONVINCE ASEAN GOVTS OUR NEGLECT
BENIGN; ADVISES THEM TAKE SRV AT WORD, PRESS FOR DEVELOP-
MENT ECON/CULTURAL RELS W/OBJECTIVE DRAWING SRV/CAMBODIA/
LAOS INTO INTRAREGIONAL COOPERATIVE RELS THAT COULD
INCREASE CHANCES FOR PEACE IN AREA. VANCE

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